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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of  
Braun *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/773,844

Filed: 02/10/2002

Group Art Unit: 2882  
Examiner: George Y Wang

For: VARIABLE OPTICAL  
DELAY LINES AND METHODS  
FOR MAKING SAME  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

In response to the Final Rejection mailed December 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows::

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claim 1 to read:

1. A variable optical delay line comprising:

a plurality of fibers, each fiber having a first end disposed in a first linear array and a second end disposed in a second linear array, each fiber comprising a first parallel region, a curved region, and a second parallel region; the first parallel regions of the fibers parallel to each other, the second parallel regions of the fibers parallel to each